Beefing up security of Karnataka Legislative Assembly

1802. SHRI KB. KRISHANA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have directed Karnataka Government to beef up security in the Vidhana Soudha as it was included in the list of possible terrorist targets; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Government of India have been advising all State Governments including Karnataka, for reviewing the security of all important Government buildings in view of threats received from terrorists and to strengthen the security arrangements as per threat perception.

Infiltration of terrorists in Delhi

† 1803. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the terrorists killed by the security forces in Ayodhya were living in Kishangarh alongwtih other localities of Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that lot of ISI agents and terrorists were arrested in Delhi and Noida region during last few months;

(c) if so, whether Government are finding security lapse since there is a large scale infiltration of terrorists into the capital city of Delhi; and

(d) what specific measures Government are taking to stop the entry of terrorists in Delhi and other surrounding areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) One of the terrorists, namely, Yunus Khan who was killed in Ayodhya, is reported to have resided as a tenant in Village Kishan Garh, New Delhi.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) Five terrorists have been killed in encounters and 34 terrorists and 2 ISI agents arrested by Delhi Police upto 15th July, 2005. Information about arrest of terrorists in Noida is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Delhi has a mixed population and a large number of people migrate to Delhi from other States every year and live in Delhi as tenants. Despite the efforts made by Delhi Police, a number of such tenants remain unverified as the house owners fail to inform the local police. As a result of this, anti-social elements/terrorists at times are successful in hiding themselves without being detected.

(d) The steps .taken by Delhi Police to prevent entry of terrorists into Delhi include: (i) sensitization of public through the print and electronic media; (ii) checking of guest houses, hotels, religious places etc. in certain areas where terrorist elements could take shelter; (iii) checking of tenants, particularly in new and developing areas; (iv) surprise checking of vehicles plying in the city and those arriving from J&K, Punjab etc. at Azad Pur Mandi and Okhla Subzi Mandi; (v) close interaction with the State and Central Police Organizations for exchange of information etc.

As regards entry of terrorists in surrounding areas of Delhi, necessary action is taken by the local administration of concerned State Governments.

Escalation infiltration of armed militants

1804. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that infiltration of armed militants has escalated in recent weeks; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken by the security forces to check cross border infiltration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) There has been an increase in the infiltration in J and K border during July, 2005 as compared to that in previous months. There has also been increase in the interception of infiltration attempts by the Army. However, the infiltration bids were foiled by the Army. The current strategy adopted by the Army to tackle cross